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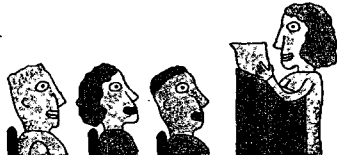
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February 2011 Bulletin - Patricia Keller, Editor

The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$45 individual, \$60 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Spear, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.

FEBRUARY 19 - LWV MEETING: Charter Schools is the subject of our Feb. 19, 10 am meeting at the West Huntington Library. Dr. Kathy Seelinger, Marshall University Professor, will discuss with us an overview of the charter schools concept. The

American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host the League and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women at this meeting. Whether WV should allow charter schools as part of our educational mix has been discussed at the legislature for several years. We hope you can come to hear Dr. Seelinger discuss this important subject.



MARCH 10 - MEETING: WV Rosies – We Did It!

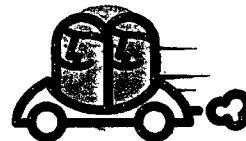
The Rosies program is a women's history program scheduled for March 10, 6:30 at the Experimental Theater, Jones C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, MU. The Huntington League's board decided that our March meeting should be one on women's history because March is Women's History month. Because MU had already set up a meeting, we agreed to promote the MU meeting rather than set one up for the League.



The WV Rosies were women from the greatest generation, who joined the paid workforce during WWII. Learn how Appalachian women contributed to the war effort and are still impacting American life. The event includes a presentation by four WV Rosies as well as live swing music to set the mood. There will be a question and answer session after the presentation. The event is sponsored by the MU Multicultural Affairs, MU Student Affairs, MU Women's Center, and MU Women's Studies.

If you would like to put up a poster about the event, contact Helen Gibbins, gibbins@frontier.com, and she will email you a poster.

RIDES TO MEETINGS: Those who would like a ride to our meetings may contact – Southside and Woodlands, Martha Woodward-304-525-7404; Fairfield West, Wendy Thomas, 304-522-0983; Beverly Hills, Julie Damewood, 304-522-2340; East Pea Ridge, Helen Gibbins-304-736-3287.



ADVOCACY – LWVUS: The LWVUS 's board set the following legislative priorities for 2011:

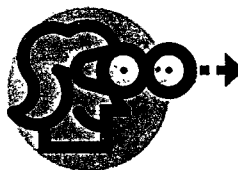


- Clean Air Defense
- Health Care Defense
- Money in Elections (campaign finance reform)
- Voter Registration and Election Administration.

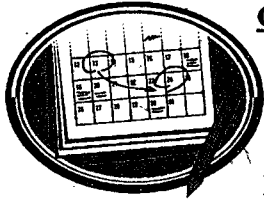
The Legislative Watch List* is as follows:

- CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women)
- Climate Change
- Ethics
- Immigration
- Safe Drilling (Fracking) and Mining

The Watch List means that if an opportunity arises on these issues and does not interfere with action on an advocacy priority, the LWVUS may take action if it appears we can make an impact. The decisions were made based on what issues are likely to come before the 112th Congress, the opportunities to make an impact, program decisions



made at the 2010 Convention, member interest and resources available to manage these priorities effectively. The Board reviews these priorities throughout the year, making changes if warranted.



CALENDAR:

February 19, 10 am. West Huntington Library. Charter Schools. Dr. Kathy Seelinger, speaker

February 21, 11:30 am Huntington League's board meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church

March 10, 6:30 pm. WV Rosies. Marshall U's Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center

March 21, 11:30 am Huntington League's board meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church

April 18, 6 pm. Ponderosa Restaurant. Annual meeting
Kit Anderson, Storm Water Control

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